

Ms. Diane Harman
Assistant Chief, Common Carrier Bureau
Federal Communications Commission

VIA FACSIMILE

RE: DOCKET NUMBER 9698

Dear Ms. Harman:

I write in strong support of allowing specific technology such as wireless phones to be used to create new area codes so that we don't have 11-digit dialing in the 847 area code. The FCC number for this case is DA 01-2874. I support the CUB (Citizen's Utility Board) petition for a permanent waiver and motion for a stay until the permanent waiver can be decided.

This is of the utmost importance for my district and I was spurred to action when I read newspaper articles that the FCC ruled that the ban on area codes for cell phones and pagers has been lifted. Additionally, there is a sizeable amount of unused 847 area code phone numbers, due to the inefficient use of phone numbers. In fact there has only been a 50% utilization rate for the last three years.

Competitor companies are likely to use the allotted available phone numbers at a slower pace, so it could be quite some time before any 224 numbers are assigned. Based on the current availability of phone numbers, competitor companies will not be at a disadvantage in this market.

Please grant the CUB proposal for a motion for a stay, and the petition for a permanent waiver. My constituents and I are supporting the CUB motions and hope you will too.

Sincerely,

Karen May
State Representative- 60th District